(b) if so, the details of the redeeming features of the new Drug Policy with particular reference to foreign direct investment by new companies and expanding operations of the multinational drug units;

(c) The detail regarding FDI proposals received and cleared from the multinational companies during the last five years and number of proposals pending out of them with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the proposals of MNCs to set up 100% subsidiaries not manufacturing drug from basic stage vis-a-vis policy guidelines under the industrial policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Drug Policy, 1986 was modified taking into consideration the prevailing economic scenario vide "Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986" in September, 1994 (a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House) to make environment conducive to investment in pharmaceutical sector of industry.

(c) To the extent details are available 13 (thirteen) Foreign Direct Investment proposal from multinational companies (100% subsidiaries) were approved by the Government as per the provisions of the "Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986" announced in September, 1994. as on date, no such type of proposal is pending with this Deportment.

(d) Proposals for setting up of 100% foreign equity holding companies are dealt with in accordance with the "Modifications in Drug Policy 1986, which lay down as follow:

> "Investment above 51 per cent will be considered on a case by case basis in areas where investment is otherwise not forth coming, particularly in the manufacture of bulk drugs from basic stages and their intermediates, and bulk drugs produced by the use of recombinant DNA technology as well as the specific cell/tissue targeted formulations.

Release of ISI Agents

3565. SHRI T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian intelligence agencies have showing concern on the release of two ISI agents by the Nepalese Police;

(b) whether these agents had any link with the Kashmir militants;

(c) whether there is a report that the two ISI agents and five Arghan mercenaries have entered into India; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to arrest them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). Government is aware of certain developments in this regard. However, it will not be advisable in public interest to disclose any further information on the subject. All reports pertaining to these developments have been promptly disseminated to the concerned departments/ Agencies for further necessary action.

Enforcement of Sixth Schedule

3566. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to enforce Sixy Schedule of the Constitution in contiguous areas where the tribals are in majority;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) whether any State Government have sent proposals for the enforcement of the Sixth Schedule in their respective States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MODH. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Forest Cover

3567. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether army has already cleared the ridge in Delhi for polo-ground and is ahead with clearing at further for three more polo-grounds;

(b) if so, whether the forest cover on the ridge is considered as the green lungs of the Capital; and

(c) if so, the steps taken and are being taken to restore the damage done to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that the army has not made any clearance in the notified ridge area.

(b) The forest cover on the ridge area has been considered as the green lungs of capital.

(c) Steps have been taken by the Delhi Government to declare ridge as reserved forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927 for protection and development. The action is also being taken by Delhi Government for fencing of the ridge and eviction on encroachments.